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SUBJECT: SECOND SESSION - LOS CONFERENCE

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1. I MADE DEMARCHE CONCERNING A SECOND SESSION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE TO MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PERMANENT SECRETARY SEIGNORET ON APRIL 27. U.S. POSITION WAS OUTLINED ALONG LINES OF REFTEL, WITH STRESS THAT U.S. REGARDS A FOLLOW-ON SUMMER SESSION AS A NECESSITY IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO BE CONCLUDED SUCCESSFULLY.

2. SEIGNORET NOTED THAT WHILE TRINIDAD GOVERNMENT WISHED TO HAVE A FURTHER REPORT FROM ITS DELEGATION ON THE SCENE IN NEW YORK BEFORE REACHING A FINAL CONCLUSION, CURRENT THINKING WAS DEFINITELY TO SUPPORT A FURTHER SESSION THIS YEAR. AFTER
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REVIEWING ITS CALENDAR OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES,

FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS OF OPINION THAT A FURTHER LOS SESSION WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST. HE SUGGESTED A SIX TO EIGHT WEEK SESSION BEGINNING IN JULY MIGHT BE WORKABLE. TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE WOULD CONFLICT WITH THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION, AND GENERALLY PLACE THE LOS MEETING TOO LATE IN THE YEAR.

3. SEIGNORET CAUTIONED THAT GOT CONCLUSIONS WERE TENTATIVE AT THIS TIME, BUT IN EMBASSY VIEW THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT BUT THAT T&T WILL FULLY SUPPORT SECOND LOS SESSION THIS YEAR.

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